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The Notice of Allowability incorrectly indicates that none of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received. Certified copies of Japanese Application No. 2000-346617 and Japanese Application No. 2000-346618 were filed on November 14, 2001. To evidence this filing, Applicants are forwarding a copy of the Claim for Foreign Priority and a date stamped postcard from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants request that a supplemental Notice of Allowability be issued to rectify this error.

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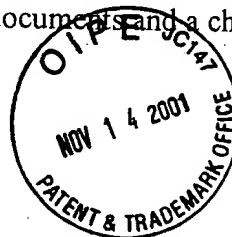


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List of attached document(s): New patent application including 51 pages of text, 10 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-9), signed Declaration, patent application transmittal, signed Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet, Claim For Foreign Priority w/2 attached certified priority documents and a check for \$816.00.

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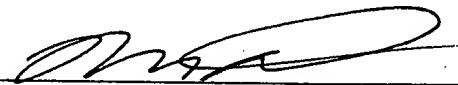
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Sir:

Under the provisions of Section 119 of 35 U.S.C., Applicants hereby claim the benefit of Japanese application No. 2000-346617 filed in Japan on November 14, 2000, and Japanese application No. 2000-346618 filed in Japan on November 14, 2000 relating to the above-identified United States patent application.

In support of Applicants' claim for priority, a certified copy of each of said Japanese applications is attached hereto.

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